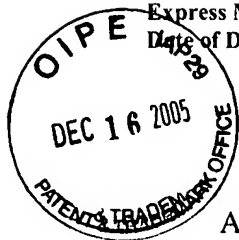


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on October 18, 2005 in the above-referenced application, Applicants elect, without traverse, the invention of Group I, claims 1-2, 4, 6 and 8, drawn to an aptamer toxin conjugate therapeutic agent comprising a targeting moiety that is an aptamer. In response to the species restriction, Applicants also elect, without traverse, the species of small molecule chemotherapeutic agents.

With a one-month extension of time, this response is due on or before Monday, December 19, 2005 (December 18, 2005 being a Sunday). Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee. Accordingly, no additional fees are believed to be due in connection with this filing. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 23239-531 (ARC-531).

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